

In the Claims:

1. A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to a mast; and
means for braking the bosun's chair relative to the mast.
2. The device of claim 1 further comprising means for supporting the bosun's chair, wherein said means for braking is adapted to brake the bosun's chair, in response to a failure of said means for supporting the bosun's chair.
3. The device of claim 2 wherein said means for braking comprises means for braking said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast.
4. The device of claim 2 wherein said means for supporting the bosun's chair comprises a cord for supporting the bosun's chair.
5. The device of claim 1 further comprising means for attaching the bosun's chair to said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to a mast.
6. The device of claim 1 wherein said means for braking comprises means for braking said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast.
7. The device of claim 1 wherein said means for braking comprises at least one friction pad.
8. The device of claim 1 further comprising means for maintaining said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast at an oblique angle relative to the mast.

9. The device of claim 1 further comprising means for inhibiting a side of said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast adjacent to said means for braking from rising above a position substantially orthogonal to the mast.

10. The device of claim 1 wherein said means for movably attaching the bosun's chair to the mast comprises a mast-attaching member adapted to conform to a shape of an outer surface of the mast.

11. The device of claim 10 wherein said mast-attaching member is openable to allow said member to substantially encircle the mast.

12. The device of claim 10 further comprising:
an activation member of said mast-attaching member;
means for supporting the bosun's chair;
means for attaching said activation member to the bosun's chair; and
wherein said activation member is adapted to cause said means for braking to brake said mast-attaching member, when a force is applied to said activation member.

13. The device of claim 12 wherein said force is applied in response to a failure of said means for supporting the bosun's chair.

14. The device of claim 12 wherein said activation member is pivotably attached to said mast-attaching member.

15. The device of claim 14 wherein said activation member is adapted to pivot downwardly when a force is placed on said activation member by said means for attaching and wherein said pivoting causes said means for braking to brake said mast-attaching member relative to the mast to operatively brake the bosun's chair.

16. A method for braking a bosun's chair, the method comprising:
attaching the bosun's chair to a mast-attaching member; and
applying a force to the mast-attaching member to operatively brake
the bosun's chair relative to the mast.

17. The method of claim 16 further comprising movably attaching the
mast-attaching member to the mast.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the movably attaching comprises
movably attaching the mast-attaching member at an angle substantially non-
orthogonal to the mast.

19. The method of claim 16 wherein applying the force comprises
applying the force to an activation member of the mast-attaching member to cause a
brake attached to the activation member to brake the mast-attaching member and the
bosun's chair.

20. A safety device for a bosun's chair comprising:
a mast-attaching member movably attachable to a mast; and
a brake adapted to brake the bosun's chair relative to the mast.